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derived from a waxy starch. It should be noted that although mixtures of two starches have been used, it is of course possible to use more different starches as long as the overall charge remains slightly cationic, i.e., there should be a slight anionic demand.

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Such a treatment consists of cooking the compositions batch-wise or through direct steam injection. With the use of the compositions of the present invention the process only requires one additional and preparation point, which makes the process much cheaper.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 6, with:

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The advantages of the use of the compositions of the present invention can be summarized as follows. Due to the balance charge situation of the composition product, more starch can be applied to the fibers without causing overcharging effects. Additionally, the simultaneous cooking forms complexes with a different molecular weight than the single components. In sum, this provides a superior behavior that enables paper producers to replace their size press by an easy to use single component system.

Replace the last paragraph beginning at page 15, 4<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom of the page with:

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Table 3 shows that the addition of 2.5% of the composition according to the present invention gives a machine and product performance that is above that when size press starch and wet-end starch are used. The ash content is lower and the paper strength is increased. Moreover the machine speed is increased or at least not negatively influenced.